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### Computer workshops

The Belle Glade Branch Library will be offering two computer workshops. The first is Saturday, August 26, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and is called "Your Library on the Internet." This is a very basic introductory workshop and will discuss the World Wide Web and other basics. Search engines as well as search techniques will be covered as well as e-mail.

Anyone interested in signing up for either of these courses can call the library at 996-3453.

### Conflict Resolution Seminar

The Glades NAACP will sponsor a conflict resolution seminar on Saturday, August 26, at 8 a.m. at the West Technical Education Center in Belle Glade. There will be concurrent workshops that persons may attend such as: How to avoid conflict; What is the role of parents; What is the role of school administrators; teachers. There will be several political candidates present also to answer questions.

For more information please contact Marvin Glover at 996-6828.

### HSCT preparation class

The Glades Central Community High School adult and community education program is offering a special HSCT preparation class for former students who need to validate their diplomas. The class will meet Mondays through Thursdays, August 21 through October 3, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

This class is for those who have earned enough credits to graduate, or who have received a certificate of attendance, and only need to pass the HSCT in order to receive a diploma.

Adults can take the HSCT until the 2002-2003 school year.

Beginning in the 2003-2004 school year, adults will have to take the FCAT instead.

Register in the adult and community education office or call 993-4404.

### CPR and First Aid courses offered

The American Red Cross Glades Area Branch is holding a CPR and First Aid course on Saturday, August 26.

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# Sain high school student mourned

By Brenda Bunting  
Editor

Almost 2,000 people packed Glades Central's gymnasium last Saturday afternoon to pay tribute and say good-bye to slain Glades Central Senior Jyron Seider.

Seider, 18, was shot and killed in the early morning hours of Tuesday, August 15, in Belle Glade during a dice game on Southwest Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Leon Dennard Harrell, 21, has been arrested and charged with Seider's murder.

Seider, son of Glades Central Athletic Director Jay Seider and Pahokee High School teacher Cathy Seider, played football at the school and according to coaches, would have joined the team this year as a fullback or defensive end.

Some of the members of the Raider football team were pallbearers at the gymnasium service for Jyron and Bible passages were read at the service by Michael Collier, Pastor Fred Gamble and Anthony Ots.

Special tributes were given by Rev. Desmond Harriott, Betty Guy, and Delores Mayes.

Jyron's sister, Crystal, said "I will always love you, but you are with God. I will think about you each and every day. So go, go on home Jyron. God has called you home."

A solo was sung by Harva Miller-Tate and the Raiderville Youth Choir and Kevin Wright



Members of the Glades Central High School varsity football team were joined by alumni football players, family and friends in paying tribute to slain Glades Central lineman Jyron Seider. The Raiders, who will kick off their season Saturday against Miami Northwestern, dedicated the season to the youth who was shot and killed Aug. 15.

sang a selection. DJuan Brown, a fellow classmate, read a poem and expressed the sorrow of the Class of 2000, Jyron's uncle, Julius Hamilton also spoke and Jyron's brother JaJuan, who just signed with the San Diego Chargers, said the next game between the Chargers and the Atlanta Falcons would be dedicated to Jyron.

The coaching staff at Glades Central said the 2000 football season would be dedicated in memory of Jyron.

One of his uncles, Adrian Veren, said he wanted to impart this message: "Young people, take

the gun out of your hand and put a Bible in it. Take hate out of your heart and put love there. Mothers and fathers, take your children off the street and take them to church. But most of all, put God first and put love back in your home. Parents, please talk to your children and learn to listen to what they are saying."

Jyron's mother, Cathy Seider, said she was disappointed in newspaper articles that referred to her family as a black and white family. "We're not a black or white family. We're a loving, caring family."

## Harrell charged in Seider murder

Belle Glade Police arrested a local man who turned him self in Wednesday, August 16 for the murder and robbery of Glades Central Senior Jyron Seider.

Leon Dennard Harrell, 21, of Belle Glade was charged with first degree murder and robbery with a firearm after turning himself in to police about noon Wednesday.

Police said Harrell shot the teen in the forehead early

Tuesday after the youth refused to give him money to join a dice game.

The suspect reportedly left and got a gun, returning to shoot the Glades Central Raiders lineman who was playing dice with some others on SW Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. The casing of a .38 caliber bullet was found at the scene, but the gun has not been recovered.

# Three seek Seat B on Belle Glade City Commission

By Brenda Bunting  
Editor

Three people are seeking the Seat B spot on the Belle Glade City Commission. Voters will go to the polls September 12 to cast their ballots and again on September 19 if there is a run-off.

Last week, we featured the candidates running for Seat A. This week, we are featuring the three running for the seat currently held by Commissioner Mary Ross Wilkerson.

### Don Garrett

Produce sales broker Don Garrett ran a close race, but lost last year against Commissioner Steve Wilson.

Mr. Garrett, 56, has lived in Belle Glade for 38 years and is originally from Tennessee. He is the owner and operator of Belle Glade Produce Sales, Inc.

He and his wife, Beverly, have three grown children. Mr. Garrett is a member of the Belle Glade Elks Lodge, the Belle Glade Lions Club, the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce and the First Baptist Church.

### Myrna I. Santiago McPhee

Political newcomer Myrna McPhee, 31, moved to Belle Glade three years ago. She was born in Fajardo, Puerto Rico and holds a B.A. Degree in Criminal Justice. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in Elementary Education at Palm Beach Atlantic College. She attended Miami Dade Community College and the School of Justice and Safety Administration. She is a Handicapped Parking Enforcement Specialist and is currently employed by the Myrna McPhee PTA and Beach County School District.

Mrs. McPhee is a member of the Glade View Elementary School PTA and School Advisory Committee. She and her husband, Rev. Bertrum McPhee Jr. have one son, Bertrum, III.

When asked what motivated her to run for a seat on the Belle Glade City Commission, she said, "The people of Belle Glade and our issues, needs, and the welfare of our children and their future."

"In my opinion I am the best candidate because I am an absolute advocate of people's rights. I can relate to our people's struggles for equality. Our people need a representative who can go the extra mile, someone who has a strong will, the ability to be steadfast, unchangeable, fair, honest and someone who can bring a positive impact to our city. Someone who is not afraid of challenges," she said.

When asked what she would like to see changed about Belle Glade, she said, "There are many things I would like to improve, but in order for me to be able to make any type of change, I must first be granted the opportunity to do so by gaining the support of our people. In other words, the citizens of Belle Glade must make the first

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step by electing me to be their representative, then, together we will make the difference and in this case, we will make history."

### Mary Ross Wilkerson

Mary Ross Wilkerson is defending her seat on the city commission. She was elected in 1998 to serve a two-year term.

She was born in Plains, Georgia, but has made Belle Glade her home for the past 37 years.

Wilkerson holds a BA degree in Human Resources from St. Thomas Mary University in Miami and is Wilkerson currently employed by the Palm Beach County School District as a school facilitator. She is also a Life Skills

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## Law enforcement officials offer tips on avoiding becoming a crime victim

By Tracy Whirls  
Associate Editor

According to area law enforcement officers, some of the most prevalent crimes in the tri-county area are burglaries, robberies, and vehicle thefts. The majority of these incidents are crimes of opportunity, during which the suspect enters the residence, business or vehicle while the property owner is absent and takes property. Few suspects are identified, and while efforts are made to identify suspects by using fingerprint and other investigative techniques, and an effort is made to recover stolen property, the majority of these cases remain unsolved.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, and Glades area police chiefs offer the following tips to help residents avoid becoming a victim of crime.

The majority of vehicle burglaries are crimes of opportunity. The victims are not locking their vehicles, and they are leaving their wallets, purses, cell phones and other property such as compact disc cases in

plain view. We have also found that in those instances where the vehicles are locked and property left in plain view, the vehicle windows are being smashed in," said Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Area 5 Commander Jose Figueroa.

"If the vehicle owners would keep their vehicles locked and their valuables out of sight or removed from the vehicle, we could realize as much as a 79 percent decline in burglaries to vehicles," he continued.

Area law enforcement officers also warn that fancy stereo systems, rims and other ornamentation are very attractive to car burglars.

"If you look at the 'smash and grab' or thefts from vehicles, South Bay Police Chief Danny Jones said, the majority of those involve teens robbing other teens of stereo sound systems or fancy rims. Teens are also largely responsible for vehicle thefts from Glades, which are primarily cases of cars being stolen to 'joy ride' to the coast, or stolen on the coast and dumped in the Glades after the return trip. "We have a high

recovery rate for stolen vehicles. They're stolen either to take the stereo equipment out or to joy ride. Other than that, you'll find the vehicles intact," the chief said.

To avoid being the victim of such crimes, local law enforcement officers offer the following tips:

• Before entering your car, check to see if anyone is hiding in the front or rear seats. Make sure your car's dome light is working.

• When driving, open windows enough for ventilation, but not enough to allow someone to put their hand through.

• Red lights are ideal places for window smashers. Keep your car in gear and if someone approaches, blow your horn in short blasts and drive away.

• If you have car trouble, raise the hood and remain in or out of the car. If a stranger offers to help, ask them to call the police.

Don't put any identification in your car. See Victim - Page 2

## City attorney to investigate police videotaping at Bonaventure

By Tracy Whirls  
Associate Editor

The Belle Glade commission instructed City Attorney Charles Schoech to investigate the legality of police department videotaping of a performance of 2 Live Crew and patrons at the Bonaventure in Belle Glade after an attorney representing the club's owner came before the commission at their regular meeting Monday night and accused the department of violating the business owner's rights.

Plantation attorney Jeffrey H. Tromberg, told the commission on behalf of Bonaventure owner Carl Grek, that the club did not violate any ordinance or law in the City of Belle Glade, and that the police department violated the rights of the club's owner and the performers by videotaping the performance and patrons without Mr. Grek's permission.

"No law allows the police to harass private citizens. Permission to videotape was requested and denied and there is no evidence of any occupational rights being exceeded," Mr. Tromberg said. He also told the commission that the department had billed his client \$1,190 for police services that were not

requested by his client, and accused the department of attempting to prevent the club owner from attending Monday's meeting when he was arrested outside city hall upon his arrival.

"You can sense from the tone of my voice I'm very angry," Mr. Tromberg said. "There's nothing illegal about adult entertainment in the City of Belle Glade, and it's not up to the chief of police to serve as the moderator of morals."

Belle Glade Police Chief Michael Miller said he believed his department was on firm legal and constitutional grounds in videotaping the event.

The department deployed 30 police officers and 10 deputies upon the sheriff's office to provide additional security for the event, the chief said, to control the estimated 700 patrons inside and outside the club, and made several arrests for possession of cocaine and other activities.

"It's my job to keep the peace in the City of Belle Glade," the chief said, adding that it was his discretion to staff events as necessary. The chief said the performance included simulated sex acts and See Videotaping - Page 2

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19 at the branch office, 195 U.S. Highway 27 South, South Bay.

The certification course gives participants a one-year certification in CPR and a three-year certification in First Aid.

For more information contact the Red Cross office at 992-9703.

## Absentee ballots available

Absentee ballots for the Primary election are now available at the Supervisor of Elections office, located at the Glades Office Building, 2976 State Road 15, Belle Glade.

Voters who will be away, as well as those who are unable to go to the polls due to illness or disability, may have an absentee ballot mailed to them by calling the Supervisor of

Elections office at 561-355-2650, or by completing the application on the Elections Office Website ([www.belleglades.org](http://www.belleglades.org)) or by sending a written request to the Supervisor of Elections, 301 North Olive Avenue, Room 105, West Palm Beach, FL 33401-4795.

Voters who request absentee ballots over the telephone or on the website must provide the following information: Voter Registration I.D. number, date of birth and Social Security number. Voters who request absentee ballots by mail must provide the same information as well as their signature. All requests for absentee ballots must come from either the voter or a member of the voter's immediate family.

## SHIP Spirit 2000 Conference

The second annual Senior HIV Prevention Project, SHIP Spirit 2000 conference in the

Glades, hosted by Glades General Hospital, will feature Dr. Allan Noonan, MD, MPH, Senior Advisor with the Office of the Surgeon General, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C. Saturday, September 16 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Other guest speakers during the conference include Rev. Dr. George E. McRae, Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, Miami, Rev. Marilyn Usher, Greater Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Miami and Dr. Betty Baker of the C.L. Brumback Health Center, Belle Glade.

For more information, please contact SHIP coordinator, Alyx Schaffer at (954) 467-4747.

Free HIV tests will be given at Inspirational Church of God, South Bay, courtesy of Glades Health Survey; at Mt. Zion AME in Belle Glade, courtesy of the C.L. Brumback Health Center and at a location to be

changed," she says.

Mrs. Wilkerson said prior to serving her first term as a city commissioner, she believed the city's administration was solely responsible for what she felt was the city's lack of progress. "Since serving on the commission, I fully realize and understand it requires the efforts of both the administra-

tion and the residents to improve any city in ways that benefit the entire population," she says.

She went on to say, "This means improving economic opportunities via new business centers, collecting monies owed the city fair and equitable salaries for city employees, city clean ups and maintenance, and increasing

the number of places dedicated to our children. I firmly believe by accomplishing the aforementioned, the city will encourage much needed retention of its young, educated residents," she said.

There are still several things she says she would like to see improved in Belle Glade, includ-

ing motivating all residents to take an active role in beautifying and cleaning the city, hiring a new city manager who would move the city forward into the 21st century; bringing more and productive business to the city; and improving the entertainment venues for all residents, as well as improving the housing.

Use a timer for lamps or radio to give your home an occupied appearance. Two timers coming on at different times are effective and inexpensive.

All entrances to your home should be well-lit. If you live in an apartment building, make sure all hallways are also well-lit.

Never place keys under mats, over doors, in plants or any obvious hiding place.

Do not hesitate to call police if you observe a stranger loitering in your neighborhood.

Burglars prefer to enter through doors which are hidden from street view. Lock all doors.

Windows are a burglar's second choice. Install locks on all windows.

If you are unmarried, don't advertise the fact. Use a phone book listing with your first initial. Never put your first name on your mail box.

If you return home and suspect it has been illegally entered, do not enter. Call the police.

If cash is part of your work, ensure that the bulk of the money is gone by the time you are alone in the office.

Make sure that only the people you expect actually enter your work area.

If you can't see the door, arrange a signal such as a bell or buzzer to let you know that someone has entered your work area.

Avoid situations where you may be isolated or working late with someone who makes you uncomfortable.

Make sure you know the fastest way to contact the building security guards or dial 911 for emergency sheriff's office security.

To avoid becoming the victim of a burglary or robbery at home:

Replace locks when you move. You don't know who has keys from the previous resident.

Establish a buddy system with a neighbor and be vigilant about each other's premises. Let your neighbor know when you are going out-of-town, and take in each other's newspapers, packages, mail, etc. Arrange to have your grass mowed.

Notify your landlord if you are

announced in Pahokee, courtesy of the Comprehensive AIDS Program. Refreshments will be provided at all three sites courtesy of the Palm Beach County Health Care District.

Adult programs to resume at Glades Central

Glades Central Community High School's Adult Education programs will resume Wednesday, August 16.

Adult basic education, GED preparation, and English for Speakers of Other Languages classes will be held Mondays through Thursdays 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Palm Beach Community College and 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Glades Central.

PalmTran will continue running buses until 8:35 p.m. and child care will be available during evening classes.

High school credit classes for students who need to make up failed courses will also be in

session. Interested students should see their high school guidance counselors.

Call 993-4404 for more information.

## Looking for volunteers

The advisory committee of Pollock in the Muck is looking for citizens who wish to participate in the next Pollock in the Muck performance.

Various duties are available for anyone who wishes to help, including: making costumes, singing, selling tickets, building the set, preparing food for the staff or many other things.

The play will be performed September 23 and 24 at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. Rehearsals begin in August with an entirely new play.

Anyone who would like to participate should call Sandy Mercer at GCDC, 992-9500.

Seniors invited

Senior participants are needed at the West County Senior Center. They would like to start or try to start a group called Relationship every Thursday, midday 11 a.m. until noon.

Everyone is welcome to participate in this event. This group deals with positive thinking, self esteem, self analysis, aging, and all the factors involved in growth.

For more information call 996-4808.

## Children welcome

PEPPI Head Start is accepting applications for three and four year old children into their day care program.

The service is free and children with disabilities are welcomed. The center is located at 200 S.W. 9th Street, Belle Glade. For more information, call 996-1718.

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instructor for the South Bay Correctional Facility.

A divorced mother of two sons and grandmother of four, Mrs. Wilkerson is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Glades Positive

## Videotaping Victim

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high school students were present in the audience.

Mr. Tromberg argued that the club was private property, patrons had paid admission and that the videotape violated their expectation of privacy.

In response to questions from Mayor Harna Miller, Attorney Schoech said he would research the issue but added, "I know of no law that was violated by the chief. I've seen the video, and at no time during the police making the video does it show that they were asked to stop."

The commission has also asked Mr. Schoech to revise a proposed adult entertainment ordinance which the commissioners reviewed at a workshop August 7.

Mayor Miller said she wanted to ensure that no one's rights were violated, "including the chief's right to enforce the law," as well as business owners' rights to conduct their businesses.

## Alternative Program and the Police

on your key chain.

If you suspect you are being followed, blow your horn in short blasts, put on your hazard lights and drive to the nearest police station, open gas station or all night restaurant. Always know where the nearest police station to your home or your job is located.

If someone flags you down, keep your windows up, your doors locked and offer to send help.

Lonely parking lots are dangerous. Drive around the lot before getting out of your car. Park in a well-lit area near the lot entrance. Try not to carry packages or luggage.

Avoid dark, isolated areas. If you are walking to your car and someone is near it, keep walking.

While on the road, stay in the center lane. Don't get blocked into the right hand lane.

A mobile telephone is an excellent emergency device. Be sure the battery is always charged.

Bump and rob scams are rear-end collisions commonly used in car jacking. If you do feel comfortable with the other driver, wait until police arrive at the accident scene or drive to the nearest police station, gas station or all night restaurant.

Muggings, strong-armed robberies and assaults by strangers are also relatively common in the Glades. The recent attack upon a visiting businessman in South Bay who police believe was observed collecting rental payments is an example of an opportunistic theft which the public should take note of officers say.

Law enforcement officers suggest the following tips to avoid being a victim of crime in public places:

Be aware of your immediate surroundings. Usually people who are attacked are people who have not been paying attention to what's going on.

In a hotel, always leave your excess money, travelers checks, jewelry and other valuables in the hotel safe.

When walking on the street, be sure your purse is locked or zipped closed and carry it in

front of you.

When in a strange town, make sure you get complete directions before driving. If you get lost, try to find a police, fire or service station for help.

When out-of-town, ask for dining and entertainment recommendations from the hotel. Find out if people are usually on the streets at the same time you plan on returning and what type of transportation is available. If you are driving and the parking lot is likely to be deserted when you return, consider taking a taxi.

Locally, burglaries of homes and businesses most often occur when no one is present, although a Belle Glade drive-in convenience store was recently the victim of an armed robbery.

Area law enforcement officers suggest the following tips to avoid being a victim of burglary at work:




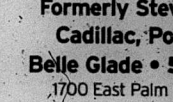



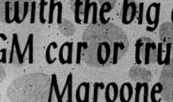
If you must work hours when you have to be alone, inform security if you are staying late.

Lock yourself in if you must work at night. Make sure that others on your floor cooperate in limiting access after normal work hours.

Notify your landlord if you are

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# Parents: Don't stress about children's eating habits

Parents of young children are sometimes concerned that their little ones don't seem to be eating enough to survive. Humor columnist Erna Bombbeck once wrote that her toddler seemed to eat nothing but ice.

Over the years, as a mother and as a journalist, I have asked doctors and nutritionists about this problem. I have been assured that as long as the child is healthy, is gaining weight and is not dehydrating, the parent should just make sure the child is offered plenty of nutritious food and not make a big deal out of it.

Still, when I see my two-year-old's dinner go untouched, I usually give him a dose of the liquid vitamins his pediatrician approved.

Sometimes, I think these kids must be eating what the parents aren't watching. How else do you explain a little one who runs all day long and still gains weight on a diet of milk

and ice chips? How do other kids live exclusively on macaroni and cheese?

The professionals I have discussed the issue with did give me some tips.

- Don't let children fill up on junk food. The easiest way to keep them from consuming chips, candy and other "empty" calories is to keep junk food out of your house. If it's not there, they'll have to choose something nutritious or go hungry. After all, toddlers aren't big enough to ride their bikes to the convenience store for munchies. How do you avoid bringing junk food home in the first place? Shop for groceries without the kids. Many parents who enter a grocery store determined to come out with fresh fruit and vegetables fall victim to the pressure of a child whining "ME WANT!" and the disapproving looks from strangers witnessing a tantrum.

- Kids see you enjoying healthy snacks, they might try them too. As a benefit, you might improve your own health. And if you can't stand the thought of being cut off entirely from junk food, just don't eat it in front of the kids.

- Limit fruit juice. While fruit juice can be good for kids, a little goes a long way. One small glass of juice per day is plenty for a child.

In fact, studies have shown that kids who regularly drink more than four ounces of juice per day are more prone to becoming overweight as children and staying overweight as teenagers. Fruit juice has a lot of natural sugar. Those calories add up. It's also easy for small children to fill up on juice and lose their appetite for other foods.

- Serve food warm instead of hot. Young children don't like their food too hot and may lose interest if they have to sit at the table and wait while it cools.

- Talk to your child's pediatrician. If the child is growing properly and shows no sign of nutritional deficiency, try not to worry about it.

Through trial and error, I found another way to get kids to eat: Peer pressure. Kids who won't try new foods at home will amaze their parents by scarfing down everything on the dinner table at a friend's house.

# Something just didn't feel right here

By Arlen R. Stauffer, MD  
Emergency physician Tammy Cortez didn't really want to see another crying baby this afternoon, but here was the chart of Baby Jeffrey in ER Bed 8. The triage nurse had listed "fussy" as the mother's complaint on the chart.

As Cortez walked into the room, she noticed a young woman holding Baby Jeffrey of the side of her hip.

"I don't know why," the woman said in hushed tones. "He's just been fussy today."

After several questions about other symptoms, all the answers were "no." Cortez was ready to examine the baby.

The mother placed Jeffrey rather abruptly onto the bed, and he began crying. She stepped back away from him, and looked at the floor in the opposite corner of the room.

Cortez, with one hand steadying Jeffrey at the edge of the bed, glanced at the young woman. Something didn't seem right. Cortez stroked Jeffrey's hair softly and spoke kindly to him. He became quiet again as she started checking him. She began at the top, and found nothing unusual in his head, neck, chest, or abdomen. Jeffrey smiled at Cortez.

As Cortez began unwrapping the soiled cotton blanket from Jeffrey's lower half, he began crying again. She was as gentle as possible as she uncovered the tiny feet.

She placed the blanket on the lower end of the bed; her eyes froze on Jeffrey's right thigh. It was huge, swollen at least twice the size of the other leg, and any movement of this leg caused the baby to cry again.

As Cortez looked up, Jeffrey's mom again was staring into the back corner of the room.

"What happened to this leg?" Cortez asked in an even tone. She didn't want to make any inappropriate assumptions yet.

"He, umm, I think he rolled off, umm, the couch yesterday," the woman replied in a whisper. "That's what Mike said."

"Who's Mike?"

"He's, umm, my fiance."

Cortez sighed, then returned her attention to Jeffrey. This didn't look like swelling from an infection.

It obviously was an injury. She knew this type of injury should not happen to a baby that just rolled off the couch. This was wrong.

After a search for other injuries was unrevealing, Cortez ordered X-rays of both legs.

Within a few minutes, these X-rays confirmed her fears. There was a new fracture of Jeffrey's femur bone in the swollen leg, and a nearby healed fracture of the shinbone in the other leg.

This was not right. Jeffrey was being abused. No doubt.

Cortez now ordered a skeletal survey of X-rays to look at all of Jeffrey's bones and chest. Then, she sat down at her desk and made two calls: the first to the local police, and the second to the Child Abuse Hotline.

As she stood up, she heard a disturbance in the hallway. She approached a young man who was very upset. He was cursing at Jeffrey's mother, who now was in tears.

"Sir, can I help you?" Cortez tried to seem calm and reassuring even though she knew that this was probably the "Mike" that Jeffrey's mother had mentioned. She smelled alcohol on his breath.

Turning his hostility toward the doctor, Mike shouted, "Where's our baby? We're going home now! Where is he?"

"Sir, I'm going to have to ask you to calm down here. You may disturb our other patients as well as me."

Just then, the first police officer came around the corner, and Mike's head snapped up. Although he took a couple quick breaths, he didn't speak now.

"Hi, I'm Officer Franze. Let's go sit down somewhere so we can talk."

Cortez was glad to see the soft-spoken officer.

Mike stood frozen like a statue for an awkward minute. Then he shot a quick, angry glance toward the young woman, and began walking with the officer toward the ER conference room.

Jeffrey's mother stood with her head down. A couple more tears dropped to the floor. She put both hands up over her eyes, and wished that this would somehow all just go away. She moved slowly to that conference room.

Life had become a bad dream for fiance Mike, and for Jeffrey's mother.

Until now, it had been worse than that for Baby Jeffrey. Until today, life had been much worse than a bad dream for him.

Child maltreatment includes physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, and several forms of neglect. Some form of physical abuse, or non-accidental trauma to a child, represents 70% of all cases of child abuse in this country.

Each year in the USA, approximately 1% of children are reported to be abused or neglected. Up to 10% of injuries seen in ERs involving children less than five years old are due to abuse, and 4,000 deaths per year result from this abuse.

In 95% of the cases, a male friend of the child's mother, or a related caretaker, is responsible for the injuries to the child. A third of the victims are less than six months old when the abuse is recognized by a medical professional. It is critical that these injuries are recognized as non-accidental, since failure to intervene at this young age will likely lead to further abuse and even death.

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians.

# Dry conditions result in less phosphorus entering Lake Okeechobee

Dry conditions observed throughout the first quarter of 2000 resulted in only 16 metric tons of phosphorus entering Lake Okeechobee. However, in-lake phosphorus concentrations increased from 144 parts per billion (ppb) in January to 175 ppb in March. The higher phosphorus levels in the lake may have been attributed to seasonal resuspension.

For much of the first quarter of 2000, dry conditions prevailed. Monthly rainfall amounts for January, February and March were 1.16, 0.34 and 1.34 inches, respectively. These values were approximately 2 inches less than the 20-year average and one inch less than recorded for the same period in 1999.

The low rainfall reported during the first quarter of 2000 also resulted in low phosphorus input to the lake. Phosphorus loads to Lake Okeechobee in January, February and March were 7.8, 6.2 and 2.5 metric tons, respectively.

Approximately 87 percent of the phosphorus load to the lake entered through the S65E structure at the mouth of the Kissimmee River, which also accounted for approximately 90 percent of the inflow volume. The phosphorus load in the first quarter of 2000 was approximately five times lower than the 20-year average for the same period.

Monthly rainfall is discussed as area-weighted averages from a network of meteorological stations in the Upper Kissimmee, Lower Kissimmee and Lake Okeechobee basins. Flows are compiled from directly measured data at 26 monitoring stations that discharge into Lake Okeechobee. Phosphorus loads to the lake were calculated by multiplying concentration data from those 26 monitoring stations and their respective flow data.

Higher phosphorus loads have typically occurred during wetter months (June through October), while lower loads occur during drier months of the year. In 1999, June through October exhibited higher rainfall than 20-year average for these months. As a result, both flows and phosphorus loads for these five months were greater than their 20-year means.

However, climatic disturbances (such as El Niño, tropical storms and hurricanes) can alter this seasonal distribution of phosphorus to the lake. During October 1999, 205 metric tons of phosphorus entered the lake as a result of Hurricane Irene as well as scheduled releases of water from Lake Kissimmee.

Next week we will look at phosphorus contributions from the tributaries and basins leading to Lake Okeechobee. If

you have questions about this report, please contact the SFWMD Okeechobee Service Center. The telephone number is (800) 250-4200 or (863) 462-5260.

**Lake Okeechobee scientists study submerged plant beds:** During the past week, staff in the Okeechobee Department began two experiments designed to help us identify the optimal growth requirements of Vallisneria (eelgrass).

In the field component of this research, healthy young eelgrass plants were collected from a bed in South Bay and attached to plastic frames. Thirty of these frames, containing a total of 720 plants, then were transported to various locations in the lake (South Bay, west of Ritts Island, Turner's Cove, and Eagle Bay Island) where they were secured (see report location) at the sediment surface.

Over the next two months, pairs of frames will be collected from each site and the size, shoot density, and weight of plants will be measured and compared to initial values. This information will tell us whether conditions are favorable for growth of young eelgrass plants in various regions of the lake, and could help to identify regions where more large scale transplants have the greatest likelihood of success.

Staff also began a controlled experiment, where young eelgrass plants have been planted in pots of native lake sediments from South Bay and then placed in a deep tank of lake water from that same region. A grid of screens of varying density will create a range of light levels in the tank and over a number of weeks the rates of plant growth will be assessed. The results of this study will identify light requirements for eelgrass growth. When results from this study are linked with field information on how light availability varies with lake depth, we can identify an optimal depth range for healthy submerged vegetation.

While collecting and transporting plants in South Bay, scientists also noted that in the region north-west of Jaffa Bank and to the east of Ritts Island there is widespread development of Potamogeton (peppergrass) where just one Chara (sterngrass). Given the size of the plants, they likely will be "topped out" at the water surface within a few weeks. This same region also has widespread occurrence of eelgrass.

For a summary of results from this study and maps indicating the sampling sites within Lake Okeechobee, please visit the District's lake recession website at [www.sfwmd.gov/news/lorécessio\\_veg.html](http://www.sfwmd.gov/news/lorécessio_veg.html). Research also

is ongoing in both the open water and littoral marsh regions of Lake Okeechobee, with projects related to nutrients, lake levels, and exotic plants. For more information about these research projects, you may contact Dr. Alan Steinman, Director of the Okeechobee Department, at 561-682-8492.

Research activity also is ongoing on the Kissimmee River for studies related to the river's channelization and upcoming restoration project. SFWMD scientists are researching the fish communities in the channelized system, as well as bird responses to the restored ecosystem. For more information, please visit the District's website at [www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov). Choose the Major Projects heading and then choose Kissimmee River Restoration or contact Lgu Toib of the Kissimmee Department at 561-682-6615.

Several groups of scientists also are working out of the Riverwoods Field Laboratory, which is jointly operated by the Center for Environmental Studies out of Florida Atlantic University and the SFWMD. These researchers are studying invertebrates, amphibians and reptiles. The Riverwoods facility is located in Cornwall in Highlands County and the director is Lois Kerwin. She may be reached at (863) 462-5261, extension 3190.

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## Speak Out

Speak out is our free 24-hour opinion line. Call 996-6636 to express your opinion or ask a question about public issues. You are not required to give your name. While we want you to speak freely, the newspaper reserves the right to edit calls for clarity, brevity, relevance and fairness.

### Adult entertainment

I attended the city commission meeting August 7 and was shocked. I don't think the average citizen in Belle Glade knows what a mess our city is in and it appears that our city is going to get worse before it gets any better. Harma Miller, Steve Wilson and Mary Wilkerson are in favor of allowing adult entertainment, stripping, and that sort of thing in the city without any restrictions.

Glades Glen has declared bankruptcy, so half of one million dollars is lost.

Who do you think is going to pay for it? Us! Our water bills are outrageous now. I understand that the Glades Glen tenants paid their bills to the owners of Glades Glen and it is the owners that failed to pay the city for the water. However, the city had turned the water-off the first time it was past due. We may not have had this problem in the first place if the Glades Glen tenants would have been in arms with the owners and the owners would have been forced to pay the bills or lose renters. In the past God knows people have had their water turned off for not paying their bill or not paying the total bill within a couple of cents or dollars, yet the city commissioners and the finance director has let it get to a half of one million dollars. This is ridiculous! In the commissioners meeting on August 7, Harma Miller said she would not vote to have the water turned off at Glades Glen.

How long are we going to allow her to stay in office and run this city down? She wants to increase the commissioners term limit to four years. I don't think we need her another minute, much less four more years. Citizens need to start attending commission meetings and get out and vote September 12. Thank you.

### Need the trees

"I'm calling in regards to the Pahokee Housing Authority. They want to cut down our trees and plant flowers in our yards. With all due respect, they should give us a break. They already tell us who we can live in our house, where to park our cars, and how many people can be in our yard at one time. Now, they want to take our trees and plants away from us. I think the trees beautifully our projects and trees and plants play a very important part in life. They are good for the birds, oxygen and shade. Over the years I have seen old and young people come outside, sit under the tree and feed the birds. They provide shade for our homes. Some of us can't afford air conditioners. Some of us will probably live out here the rest of our lives. Let us have something a little decent for a change, or at least ask us our opinion about what we would like in our own yards.

P.S. I don't see the people who work for the housing authority getting their trees cut down!"

### Harry Potter books

A few weeks ago, contrary to the usual Sun policy, an outrageous-out-of-town letter to the editor condemning the Harry Potter series was published. The inflammatory letter displayed the kind of fundamental, supposed religious belief that insults rational thought. The Harry Potter books, which many children love and adults enjoy, are pure entertaining fantasy and humor. I encourage all children, parents and school teachers to enjoy reading them.

Thank You.

### Water meters

We asked the Water Department of Belle Glade about the water meters that are covered with grass. They have sent five or six water bills and that is harassment. So we called the people in Palm Beach and they are going to come out here and check the water meters for us all. Thank you.

### Get a clue

"I am calling in regard to the last Belle Glade City Commission meeting. I have been listening to the tape from

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## Letters to the Editor

### Dear Editor,

My family and I would like to thank the Glades and surrounding communities for their support, prayers, food, flowers, cards, and monetary contributions during our time of bereavement. It is truly a blessing to know that so many people cared.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Glades Central Community High School and Staff.

Do know that your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and is gratefully acknowledged.

May God forever bless you. The Seider family

### Dear Editor,

I found the report in last week's "Sun" on the Belle Glade Commission workshop session disturbing at best. Riviera Beach has long been the poster child for bad government in Palm Beach County. I don't think Belle Glade needs to challenge for that dubious honor.

## Medicare covers preventive prostate exams and more

Did you know that as a Medicare beneficiary your benefits include preventive health services? These range from cancer screenings to bone mass measurements. Among the newest Medicare-covered health benefits are prostate cancer screening tests.

On January 1, 2000, Medicare began paying for these benefits for all men age 50 and over who remain in good health. For a rectal examination, Medicare will pay 80% of the Medicare approved amount after the yearly Part B deductible is met. The prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test is also covered, and there is no co-insurance and no Part B deductible for the PSA. Medicare will allow both tests once every year. Other cancer screenings include mammogram screenings once a year for women age 40 and older. The goal is to detect breast cancer in early stages. Pap Smears and pelvic

Riviera Beach probably has the best beach in Palm Beach County and is in the midst of a high growth area. Unstable government has been their undoing. Business simply does not invest under these circumstances.

We have none of the advantages of Riviera Beach: Belle Glade and Western Palm Beach County has an image problem to start with. Steadily, conservative government is what we need.

The sugar business is under pressure with low prices. Jobs are in jeopardy. The city is working to bring additional jobs and employment diversity through the Business Park development.

There are prospects interested in the business park and ground should break soon. Nothing should be done to discourage this trend. Sound government policies are essential. Let's hope our city commission does its part.

Yours For Good Government, Curtis A. Thompson, Jr.

## Hunter education courses to be scheduled

If you are not sure about Florida's hunting laws and would like to learn more about the legal aspects of hunting in the Sunshine State, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's free Hunter Education course is for you.

In addition to laws, other subjects covered during the 16-hour course include survival, first-aid, wildlife identification, and eight more subjects. Students also

attend a range outing where they will get hands on experience shooting a rifle, shotgun, bow and muzzleloader. People of any age can attend and families are encouraged to learn together. Anyone born after June 1, 1975 must take this course as it is required to be able to purchase a hunting license. For details call the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Office at (561) 625-5126.

## ACTION to host Everglades Restoration meeting Aug. 30

By Cynthia Laramore

"Liberty, and the pursuit of Safe Drinking Water."

Several weeks ago a caller to Speak Out talked about the "special product" manufactured by the City of Belle Glade, its water. Some of us may have chuckled in amusement about the comments, maybe even most of us.

As consumers of this "special product," we complain from time-to-time about the color, smell, and taste of the water. We wonder whether it is safe to cook with, bathe in and drink. However, the occasion when I contact officials, I am assured that the water is safe for consumption. I am sure you have been told the same.

So the caller's comments were not only amusing, but also somewhat affirming of my concerns: The caller's comments were a challenge with the quality of our drinking water center around the lake - Lake Okechobee. Even though we call the water department in Belle Glade, Pahokee or South Bay, they refer me back to some "current" condi-

tion in the lake.

So I figure, improving the condition of Lake Okechobee could possibly satisfy and remedy my "pursuit of safe drinking water." So then I ask, "How is that possible, (an improved Lake Okechobee)? And when or will it occur?"

In steps, Everglades Restoration probably won't be happening anytime soon (an improved Lake Okechobee)! Not only is Everglades Restoration the world's largest public works project, it is also incorrectly named. The project actually begins at the northern part of Lake Okechobee, at its tip. About 20-25% of the project's \$7.8 billion will be spent on activities which involve Lake Okechobee. The Corps of Engineers proposes to build over 200 ASRs (Aquifer Storage Recovery wells) around the northern portion of Lake Okechobee. Each of the ASRs requires a monitoring well. That's over 400 new holes in the ground.

To say that Everglades Restoration is simple and easy to understand is not true. It is a complex proposal, with several projects. ASRs is only one of the projects. But even though it is complex, still simple questions have not been answered. The most basic of the questions is, "What is going to happen to our community (the Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay) only source of drinking water?" Will the water be further compromised and endangered because of the proposed activi-



"MOM SAYS SHE MAKES ME EAT SQUASH BECAUSE SHE LOVES ME... SOMETIMES I WISH SHE DIDN'T LOVE ME SO MUCH."

## Sugar Farmers exceed phosphorus reductions

Florida sugar farmers have reduced the phosphorus in the water leaving their farms by 55 percent over the past year. According to a report released by the South Florida Water Management District, this is the fifth straight year that farmers in the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) have far exceeded the 25 percent reductions required by the 1994 Everglades Forever Act.

"Sugar farmers are proud to have jurisdiction over their own farms," said Judy Kuehn, District Director of Corporate Communications for the United States Sugar Corporation.

By investing in the research and development of improved soil and water management techniques, farmers have shown their commitment to being active and responsible partners in Everglades restoration. In addition, farmers continue to support

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the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' "Restoration" plan for a major plumbing of the entire Everglades system.

"The water flowing south from the river, under these circumstances, anticipated and three of the six stormwater treatment areas are on-line and operating much better than expected—surely this bodes well for the success of the more comprehensive restoration efforts still to come," Ms. Sanchez said.

## Lake Okechobee to be lowered

The South Florida Water Management District is the best entity to decide what emergency actions the agency should take to protect the region's water resources, according to a report issued Wednesday by the state's Second District Court of Appeal. The Second DCAS ruling was in response to Lee County's appeal of the May 12 emergency order by the District's Governing Board to lower Lake Okechobee to protect its environmental health.

Lee County had sought immediate review of the board's resolution, which directed District staff to immediately begin releasing water from Lake Okechobee to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries to lower its level to restore the lake's plant and animal habitat. Years of high water levels threatened the submerged vegetation that support its economically important fisheries.

In response to Lee County's claim that no immediate action existed to draw down the lake at

that time, the court wrote "we will vacate" under these circumstances; substitute our judgment for that of the District.

The court determined it does not have jurisdiction over such an administrative action by the District—i.e., the day to day operations of the regional flood control and water supply system, especially in an emergency. "The appeals court's ruling affirms the SFWMD jurisdiction to manage the region's water resources, to protect the health and safety of its people and its natural systems," said District General Counsel John J. Fumero.

The governing board must be able to take quick, decisive actions in emergencies, and the court supported our authority to do so," Fumero said. "Lake Okechobee's current path to recovery—increased plant growth, improved water quality, and revitalized fishery—is proof we took the right action at the right time."

halomethanes, a carcinogen. Trihalomethanes can contribute to liver, kidney, and/or central nervous system problems as well as an increased risk of getting cancer.

There are three primary pathways of exposure to contamination: (1) air (breathing), (2) ingestion (eating, drinking), and (3) dermal (skin).

There are also other questions that we need answered: Is the technology of ASRs proven to be safe? What other harmful byproducts besides trihalomethanes will be produced? Will the Safe Drinking Water Act be compromised and/or changed in order to build ASRs? Will drilling and injecting water into ASRs cause fractures in the subsurface of the Lake? Is the scale (size) of the project scientifically sound? Is the water quality change in the aquifer?

On Wednesday, August 30, at 6:30 p.m. A.C.T.I.O.N. will host a question time with representatives from the agencies who have a responsibility in Everglades Restoration. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Florida Water Management District, South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force, and others. This meeting will be in the cafeteria of the new Lake Shore Middle School. It is our chance as a community to become more informed about the project that will have an impact on our only source of drinking water.

Plan to attend, if you have questions, or need additional information call 561-963-9100.

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## Speak

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people in Palm Beach and they are going to come here and check the water meters for us all. Thank you."

### Get a clue

"I am calling in regard to the last Belle Glade City Commission meeting. I have been listening to the tape from the commission meeting, due to the fact that I received a flyer in the mail with some different accusations on it and I wanted to see if they were true. Mayor Miller, I just want to say to you, get a clue!"

I am wondering how you made it through college and went on to be an educator. You acted so astute. You were acting just like Bill Clinton. "What does this mean, that we can't have adult entertainment and adult entertainment to be together. That is what the proposal was. It had nothing to do with just separate drinking. You were stupid. It is like I don't like you have no desire to do adult entertainment out of Belle Glade. You don't mind if we have strip clubs that serve alcohol, but to our schools or churches. You did everything possible to drag the meeting out and pretend not to understand anything. I just don't understand how you didn't know that Steve Weeks and Chief Miller should be called saints for not telling us about yourself."

I wish all of Belle Glade had the tape from the commission meeting and see how Harma Miller, Mary Wilkerson and Steve Wilson are. I did not hear Bill Mathis make a comment, but once again, Steve Weeks and Chief Miller definitely have the best interest of Belle Glade in mind. I will pray that our sorry excuse for a mayor loses in the September election. I got the tape from a friend. I am sure that if anybody else wants to listen to it, it can be obtained from City Hall. But I must warn you: listen to it when you are in a good mood, because Mayor Miller will drive you bananas when she goes on trying to act like she doesn't know anything when they were talking plain English. Thank you."

### City needs insurance

The City has once again taken one step forward and then two steps back. To drop an insurance that would protect the taxpayers money in a lawsuit is plainly malfeasance on the part of the Commission. And for the Mayor to say that the fee should be dropped to allow the people that the facilities were designed and paid for them was out of line. As far as I know, the City facilities were designed and paid for by the taxpayers, regardless of whether it is tax dollars, state dollars, grant funds or whatever. They initially came from someone's pocket. There should be no one given more priority than a taxpayer regardless of who they are or what they are. All people should be treated fairly and equally. And might I remind the Mayor that he was elected by an entire community and the entire community deserves equal treatment. I am not sure if it is unbelievable matter was that of the employees living at the campground free-of-charge. It is appalling. Never have I heard of such a blatant misuse

of power and tax dollars. And then for the Commissioner to say he left a blank check to be filled out when he is alone living there is an insult to the whole town. And no one questioned this or asked why he is not paying. What if every camper that stayed paid the way? After all, it is no secret that the Marina makes no money.

Thank you.

### Pave parking lot

I live in Pahokee and I would like to know what is it going to take to get the Foodland parking lot paved to where your car does not go under water when you park? I think it has been like this for eleven years. Something needs to be done about it. I spoke to the owners and nothing has been done. Also regarding the trash behind Foodland and the Family Dollar, it's horrible that I pay taxes and the town looks like this. Thank you.

### Election influences voting

The two commissioners who are running for re-election next month appeared to be the two most vocal in public meetings. Several months ago, they said they were opposed to the city's employee pay increases recommended in an independent salary survey. Now that the elections are a month away, they have approved the same plan with the exception of a few changes to some select employees. Were these changes increases to the recommendation or decreases, and with what justification? In addition, the City Commission also approved a longevity bonus plan that these same two commissioners proposed at a public meeting in May. Could it be the new Belle Glade politics?

## 2000 hurricane season may be very busy

So you thought it was going to be a quiet hurricane season? Well, think again. The folks at the National Hurricane Center are here to remind you that the remainder of the 2000 hurricane season may be very busy.

You might have thought things were going to be different this year because June and July were so quiet. No tropical storms or hurricanes formed during these months, and the first named storm, Alberto, didn't appear on satellite images until early August.

Still, a slow start doesn't mean a slow finish. "The fact that there were no storms during the months of June and July is not unusual and has little bearing on the remainder of the season," said Max Mayfield, the director of the National Hurricane Center.

If Mayfield's analysis is correct, the next 6 to 8 weeks could be extremely active in the tropics.

Mayfield's seasonal hurricane experts predict 11 tropical storms will form this season, with 7 maturing into hurricanes and three being classified as major storms. Alberto has already qualified in each of those categories, so, if Mayfield is correct, that leaves 10 storms, 6 hurricanes and two major storms to form over the next three and one half months.

Yet, historically most tropical cyclone activity takes place during the two month period from middle August to early October. If this year is like past seasons, Mayfield says the next couple of months could be packed with tropical storms and hurricanes.

"A number of factors will contribute to the active period in the tropics. Overall activity should be higher due to the weak La Nina conditions and the global weather patterns that control conditions over the tropical Atlantic," said Mayfield.

La Nina is the nickname for the cooling of sea surface temperatures in the central Pacific. That cooling results in atmospheric conditions over the tropical Atlantic that are conducive to tropical storm development.

Dr. Chris Landsea of NOAA's Hurricane Research Division agrees with the National Hurricane Center forecast. Landsea thinks the 2000 season may see several Cape Verde storms, which form near the Cape Verde islands off the coast of Africa.

These Cape Verde storms often move westward from the coast of Africa and pose a significant threat to the Caribbean islands and the coastal United States.

The structure and location of the African jet stream is poised to provide energy to developing



Mike Lyons

tropical systems as they move westward across the Atlantic and Caribbean," said Landsea.

If this forecast pans out, it will continue a recent trend of very active hurricane seasons. Mayfield reports that more hurricanes formed during the past five years than in any other five year period in recorded history.

Many hurricane experts believe we have entered a new period of increased hurricane activity, a period that may last for the next 10 to 15 years. Meaning, above normal seasons will be normal for at least the first decade of this new century.

A quiet hurricane season? Like a cheap gallon of gas, it may be a thing of the past.

(Mike Lyons is the chief weather specialist at WPBF-TV.)

## Arrest Blotter

### The Belle Glade Police Department

Belle Glade Police Department handled 565 complaints, gave 26 traffic citations and made 15 arrests the week of August 14-20. Those arrested included:

August 14 - Gerald Hodges, 19, violation of probation.

August 15 - Makasha Cunningham, 22, battery. Tommie Lee Anderson, 64, domestic battery.

August 16 - Parrish Robertson, 37, burglary of a dwelling and petty theft. Leon Harrell, 21, first degree murder with a firearm and robbery with a firearm.

August 17 - Tamiela Kelly, 27, burglary and petty theft. Jesus Reyes, 35, domestic battery.

August 18 - Devina Giddens, 29, aggravated battery. Shaquana Mays, 18, aggravated battery and also a warrant for aggravated battery.

August 19 - Horace Hewitt, 27, battery. Charles Bledsoe, 21, stalking. Isaac Sale, 34, domestic battery. Jolene Thomas, 19, battery. Lloyd Howard, 26, domestic battery. Paul Fairchild, 26, battery.

August 20 - No arrests made.

**Pahokee Police Department**  
Police Department handled 201 calls, issued 16 traffic citations and made 11 arrests the week of August 14-20. Those arrested included:

August 14 - Juvenile, 15, warrant arrest.

August 15 - Juvenile, 14, battery on a detention staff member, inciting a riot, obstructing and opposing. Charles McKelton, 42, felony petty theft, trespassing.

August 16 - Johnny Clay, 30, firearm robbery. Juvenile, 15, disrupting school, obstructing and opposing, lewd and lascivious acts and criminal mischief.

August 17 - Johnny Dorsey, 50, trespassing. John Die, 25, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, obstructing by dissuading person. Jorge Sanchez, 19, possession of cocaine, possession of cocaine with intent to sell within 500 feet of public housing, and contributing to delinquency of a minor. Isaac Smith, 30, dealing in stolen property.

August 18 - Juvenile, 13, petty theft.

August 19 - Alfred Lee Evans, 42, petty theft.

August 20 - No arrests.

**Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department**  
August 14 - No arrests.

## Hope House receives national acclaim

During a Washington D.C. Ceremony, the Florida State Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD, awarded Hope House's Women and Children's facility as "Best Practices" model program. HUD's Best Practices recognition is given only to agencies that show leadership and innovation in efforts to build affordable housing, spark economic development, create jobs, expand home ownership and help homeless people become self-sufficient.

"The Best Practices Award is a mark of distinction that Hope House should wear proudly," said Shirley Lanier, Coordinator for Palm Beach County's HUD funded HOVWA program. "It is very gratifying to receive national attention for our hard work with families whose lives are impacted by HIV/AIDS," said David Walker, Hope House's Executive Director. "We battle every day to ensure that our families receive the best possible services." Mr. Walker continued, "It is nice to take a break for a moment, and celebrate our success."

Hope House is Palm Beach County's oldest and largest provider of specialized housing related human services to families whose lives are impacted by HIV/AIDS. Approximately one hundred, (100), children currently reside in Hope House's family units.

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